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Information Technology Courses continue on-line

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PENSACOLA, Fla. – Thousands of Navy personnel have had the opportunity to further their education,
thanks to the ease of the Internet. In a continuing effort to provide easy access to training, the Chief of
Navy Education and Training has announced the continued availability of Information Technology (IT)
courses on the World Wide Web. More than 300 web-based courses are available at no cost to Department
of Navy personnel, including Navy and Marine Corps active and reserve personnel and civilians.

Five ships, the USS STENNIS, USS TRUMAN, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, USS
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and USS EISENHOWER battlegroups, and 12 remote sites have installed the
entire set of courses on their internal computer network. Future plans are for a Navy learning web site where
personnel can access Navy-developed web-courses, third-party courseware, reference libraries, and links to
other training and education opportunities. Since these IT courses will migrate to this larger, more robust
web site, distribution of the IT courses via CD-ROM is limited to ships and remote site that are unable to
access one of the below Internet sites.

"The response we've received so far, in terms of Sailors' usage of the on-line courses is over
whelming," said Peg David, CNET's IT Program Manager. As of September 30, 1999, 3,149 courses had
been completed and 33,810 users accessed courses for a total training time of 44,135 hours. Sixty-five
percent of the 14,080 registered users are Navy, 6 percent Marine Corps, 20 percent civilians and nine
percent other.

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Courses available on-line range in scope from beginning computer applications, such as Word, PowerPoint, Access, and Excel, to LAN/WAN administration, CISCO router and programming development courses in C, C++, JAVA and Visual Basic to name a few.

"This training can aid in professional certification programs, such as Microsoft Certified System Engineer (MCSE), Database Administrator, A+ certification and a host of others," explains Ms. David. "In addition, more than 100 courses have been approved for evaluation by the American Council on Education (ACE)."

The IT courses may be accessed at any of the following web sites. All the sites, except CNET, can be accessed from home or work.

   A. Commercial site- http://usn.netg.com; due to high usage of this site, better and faster service may be available at the East Coast Norfolk and SPAWAR sites.

   B. East Coast Norfolk area – http://dl.damneck.navy.mil

   C. West Coast SPAWAR site – http://192.215.136.73; this is a new URL address for the SPAWAR site.

   D. Pensacola (CNET) site – http://www-cbt.cnet.navy.mil; this site is available to CNET commands only.

NAVADMIN 294/99 provides more information on courseware access and registration for the on-line courses. Information is also available under "Technologies" on the CNET web site, www.cnet.navy.mil.

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